

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A color image forming apparatus and an image output method capable of producing a PDL output without interfering  
5 with the execution of a calibration procedure is provided. A main controller rasterizes PDL data from a network on a DRAM as image data. The main controller determines whether or not a calibration procedure is being executed. If it is determined that the calibration procedure is being  
10 executed, a production of a PDL image output is put in a queue until the calibration procedure is completed. If it is determined that the calibration procedure is not being executed, the image data on the DRAM is transferred to a printer portion at an appropriate timing so that the printer  
15 portion may produce a printed page of the image data.